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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2002
"ASTRONOMY WEEK IN
THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY"**

WHEREAS, the night sky is part of our natural legacy to explore and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, nothing inspires awe and wonder, and a reverence for the beauty of life on our planet, like the perspective gained from learning about the universe; and

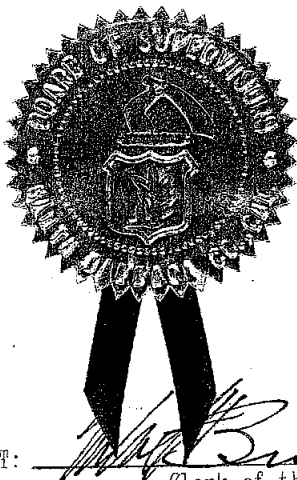
WHEREAS, the sky glow from light pollution is destroying our view of the night sky and limits research and education that occur when observing the stars and engaging in the study of astronomy; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Environmental Watch is committed to educating the community about the importance of preventing sky glow through the use of non-polluting lights so we can appreciate the many constellations in the night sky; and

WHEREAS, the Astronomical Unit of Santa Barbara and the Women's Environmental Watch together are presenting slide shows on the Night Sky to groups of students in several schools in the Santa Ynez Valley and will be promoting awareness and involvement of the general public through community education during the week of May 13, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims **ASTRONOMY WEEK IN THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY** to be scheduled for the week of May 13, 2002 and recognizes the importance of the work of the Women's Environmental Watch and the Astronomical Unit of Santa Barbara in promoting and appreciating dark skies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this seventh day of May 2002.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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